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NRC TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING ON APRIL 13 WITH ENTERGY NUCLEAR TO DISCUSS RESULTS OF INDEPENDENT SAFETY CULTURE SURVEYS

Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will meet with representatives of Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc., on Tuesday, April 13 to discuss the results of independent safety culture surveys conducted by the company at all of its nuclear power plants last year. The specific focus of this meeting will be the survey results for Entergy's plants in the Northeastern United States: Indian Point and James A. FitzPatrick, in New York State; Pilgrim, in Massachusetts; and Vermont Yankee, in Vermont.

The meeting, which will be open to the public, will begin at 1:30 p.m. in the Public Meeting Room of the NRC's Region I Office in King of Prussia, Pa. (Directions to the Region I Office are available on the agency's web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/locations/region1.html>.) There will be an opportunity for members of the public to ask questions of NRC staff prior to the session's adjournment.

Members of the public who would like to listen to the meeting by phone can do so by calling 1-800-621-8432 and using pass code 44732.

"An environment which allows and encourages plant workers to raise safety-related concerns is vital to ensure the safe operation of nuclear power plants," NRC Region I Deputy Administrator Marc Dapas said. "This discussion will be helpful to aid our understanding of Entergy's actions at its Region I facilities."

Additional public meetings on the Entergy safety culture surveys were held on March 29 in the NRC's Region III Office, to discuss the results from the company's Palisades plant, and on March 31 in the agency's Region IV Office, to discuss the company's Arkansas Nuclear One, Grand Gulf, River Bend and Waterford plants.

The meetings are being held to adhere to a commitment made by Entergy as part of an Alternate Dispute Resolution (ADR) agreement reached with the NRC in 2009 concerning a security-related issue at the Palisades nuclear power plant, which is located in Covert, Mich.

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